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Jerry Falwell Confesses:
Lewinsky Affair Linked to Israeli lobby Intrigue

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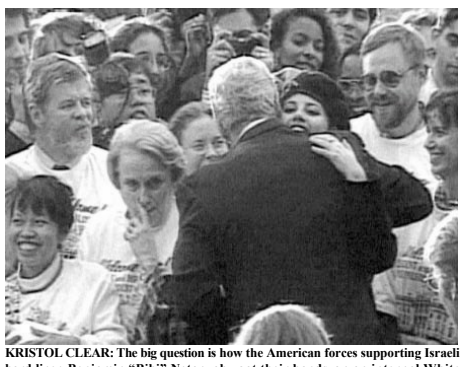
Television evangelist Jerry Falwell couldn't resist bragging and finally admitting the truth: he and former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu did conspire — at a critical time — to trip up President Bill Clinton and specifically use the pressure of the Monica Lewinsky scandal to force Clinton to abandon pressure on Israel to withdraw from the occupied West Bank.

Falwell's confession didn't make national news as it should have. Instead, the preacher's confession came buried in a lengthy story in the December 2005 issue of ***Vanity Fair***. Entitled "American Rapture," the article, by Craig Unger, described the longstanding and still-flourishing love affair between American dispensationalist evangelicals such as Falwell and the hard-line Zionist forces (then under the leadership of Netanyahu).

The admission by Falwell confirms what this author first revealed in a story published in ***The Spotlight*** on Feb. 9, 1998 and later recounted in a lecture before the Arab League's official think tank, the Zayed Centre in Abu Dhabi, in March 2003.



KRISTOL CLEAR: The big question is how the American forces supporting Israeli hard-liner Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu got their hands on an internal White House video—made in November 1996—showing President Bill Clinton hugging his young friend, Monica Lewinsky, in a White House receiving line. A still image of Clinton, clearly taken from the above video, was utilized in an advertising smear accusing Clinton of having "turned his back on Israel." The advertisements appeared in American Jewish newspapers in mid-January 1998, six days before the Lewinsky scandal was unveiled in the media. The advertisements were sponsored by a group allied with William Kristol, the neo-conservative intriguer who was a leading publicist for the Netanyahu forces in Israel. Kristol just happened to be the first to reveal (before the scandal "officially" broke) that there was an impending scandal involving the president and a White House intern.

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Following the lecture at the Zayed Centre, the Anti- Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, a lobby for Israel, denounced as a "bizarre conspiracy theory" the assertion by Falwell that the public unveiling of the Lewinsky affair forced Clinton to pull back on pressuring Israel. But Falwell's disclosure has confirmed what was reported in documented detail in ***The Spotlight*** in an international exclusive.

Regarding Falwell's recounting of how he worked with Netanyahu in undermining Clinton's pressure on Israel, Vanity Fair reported:

> On a visit to Washington, D.C. in 1998, Netanyahu hooked up with Jerry Falwell at the Mayflower Hotel the night before [Netanyahu's] scheduled meeting with Clinton. "I put together 1,000 people or so to meet with Bibi [Netanyahu], and he spoke to us that night," recalls Falwell. "It was all planned by Netanyahu as an affront to Mr. Clinton. . . ."
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> The next day, Netanyahu met with Clinton at the White House. "Bibi told me later," Falwell recalls, "that the next morning Bill Clinton said, 'I know where you were last night.'"
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> The pressure was really on Netanyahu to give away the farm in Israel.
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> It was during the Monica Lewinsky scandal. . . . Clinton had to save himself, so he terminated the demands [that Israel should relinquish West Bank territory] that would have been forthcoming during that meeting, and would have been very bad for Israel.

What Falwell did not mention — at least as reported by ***Vanity Fair*** — is that his meeting with the Israeli leader took place on the very evening before the mass media in America broke open the Lewinsky scandal with much fanfare. Nor did Falwell mention — as this author pointed out at the time — that one of Netanyahu's leading American media publicists, neo-con powerbroker William Kristol, the first American media figure to publicly hint (in the days before the scandal was officially unveiled) that there were forthcoming revelations regarding a White House sex scandal.

In addition, this author pointed out that at least six days before the first news of the Lewinsky scandal began breaking in the media at midnight on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1998, an advertisement appeared in the Jan. 15 edition of the distinguished ***Washington Jewish Week*** newspaper accusing President Clinton of having "turned his back on Israel."

VERY INTERESTING

What made the advertisement so striking was that it used a rear view of Clinton, first captured on video in 1996, that had never been published but which, in the wake of the Lewinsky scandal, became very familiar. It was a view of the president, his back to the camera, clearly taken from the video in which he was seen hugging the soon-to-be infamous Miss Lewinsky when she was in a receiving line at the White House some two years before.

This was an image that Miss Lewinsky had bragged about among her associates prior to the time that the scandal broke. Clearly, Clinton's critics among the hard-line pro-Netanyahu forces in the United States — who sponsored the advertisement in question — were already tuned in to the Lewinsky-Clinton liaison and the fact that it was soon to be unleashed against the president.

This author can now reveal, for the first time, that two figures at the very highest level of the Clinton White House were personally given copies of the Spotlight articles regarding these matters. At the time, they quietly acknowledged that the articles were "probably right."

The fact that Falwell's acknowledgment of how the Lewinsky affair was used as a club against Clinton — in tandem with Netanyahu's appearance at the White House, following the meeting with Falwell — was published in ***Vanity Fair*** is interesting in itself. That magazine is owned by the publishing empire of the billionaire Newhouse brothers, Samuel I. Newhouse Jr., known as "Si," and Donald. Forbes dubbed the Newhouses the 25th richest family in America and who are known to be generous contributors to the ADL and other elements of the pro-Israel lobby.

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